

25 February 1947

Director, CIG

Chief, Legislative Liaison Division.

1. Reference letter from Senator Aiken of Vermont, Chairman, Senate Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Department, dated 18 February 1947, requesting CIG organizational set-up and personnel assignments by divisions or offices as of 31 December 1946.
 2. As a matter of security, CIG desires never to place its over-all personnel figures in the public domain. The figures, if urgently needed, can be furnished to a limited number of Congressional personnel in executive session or on an off-the-record basis.
 3. In view of the fact that the House Appropriations Committee has gone along with this view, it would be unfair to their respecting our wishes in this respect to furnish our personnel figures to the Senate Committee for open consideration or inclusion in various Government publications.
 4. It should be explained to Senator Aiken that a good foreign intelligence organization could deduce the size and scope of our operations from our over-all personnel strength figures, and that, further, to furnish these figures by office or division break-down would be fatal to our security. It should be further
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5. There is attached herewith a break-down of CIG personnel figures as of 31 December 1946, as requested.
 6. It is recommended that no organization chart be taken to the initial meeting with Senator Aiken, lest he desire to keep it for open Committee use. It can always be furnished later if necessary. Similarly, it is recommended that the accompanying strength figures not be made available to the Committee unless suitable guarantees as to security are offered by Senator Aiken.

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